Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 26 Jan 2022 until 23:59 on Thursday 27 Jan 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 26 Jan 2022 at 04:11 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Wednesday and Thursday, but medium for extent of cloud and hill fog Wednesday morning. Low for rainfall details Friday and Sunday.

Headline for Wednesday 26 Jan 2022: A mainly dry but breezy start, with strong gale force winds and persistent rain arriving this afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 26 Jan 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG				
Fog	Fog	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Sleet
Precipitation probability					
00%	00%	30%	90%	60%	50%

Forecast for Wednesday 26 Jan 2022

Weather: Patchy cloud and isolated hill fog overnight and into Wednesday morning, becoming more widespread by midday with some light rain/drizzle and summit snow, particularly for the Nevis Ranges and the north. Turning more persistent through the afternoon with a period of 4-5 hours rain, and occasionally turning heavy. Widespread gale or severe gales through the afternoon, and possible storm force winds. Rain clearing south through the evening but staying windy with blustery showers for the northern hills, wintry on the higher tops.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% through the morning. Lowering 10% or less through the afternoon.

Visibility: Poor in hill fog with cloud down to 600 m in the east and 400 m in the west and in rain. Otherwise good lowering moderate in rain through the afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	33/39 SW	40/49 SW	49/60 SW	63/78 SW	59/73 SW	48/60 W	45/57 W
900	23/28 SW	27/35 SW	34/43 SW	41/54 SW	38/50 SW	33/45 W	30/41 W
600	29/34 SW	37/44 SW	44/53 SW	52/66 SW	46/59 SW	39/50 SW	32/43 W
300	14/20 SW	17/25 SW	23/33 SW	28/41 SW	24/36 SW	18/28 SW	17/26 W
Glen	10/19 SW	10/21 SW	17/32 SW	22/41 SW	18/37 SW	16/33 SW	12/28 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-2/-11	0/-9	0/-9	1/-9	3/-6	-0/-10	-2/-12
900	1/-6	2/-5	2/-6	3/-5	5/-2	2/-5	1/-6
600	3/-4	4/-3	4/-3	5/-3	7/0	5/-2	4/-3
300	5/1	6/2	6/1	6/1	8/4	7/3	6/2
Glen	6/3	7/4	8/4	8/3	10/7	9/6	8/5
Freezing Level*	900m	1200m	1300m	1900m	1900m	1200m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Expect a notable wind chill through the afternoon with a combined effect of persistent rain and gale to storm force winds. Maximum gusts speeds may reach 85 mph on exposed summits, especially in the Nevis Ranges and Ben More.

Forecast for Thursday 27 Jan 2022

Weather: Blustery showers with spells of brighter conditions. These showers will fall as snow above 400 m and may be heavy at times through the morning, before easing later in the afternoon as the strong or gale force northwesterly wind becomes fresh to strong.

Maximum wind: West to northwest 35-40 mph gusting 55 mph overnight and into Thursday morning, easing later.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%

Visibility: Very good away from intermittent hill fog in snow showers, where cloud will lower to 500 m with poor visibility.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 rising to plus 4 Celsius around midday.
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 700 m in northeast, 900 m in southwest.

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